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Tsuyoshi NAKAMURA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2836
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Serial No. 10/025,491	)	Examiner: Stephen W. Jackson
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Filed: December 26, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 7893
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Allowed: June 4, 2004	)	
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For: RELAY, RELAY UNIT AND	)	
ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOX	)	

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on August 16, 2002. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the reference was considered by the examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and of the post card that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, is attached.

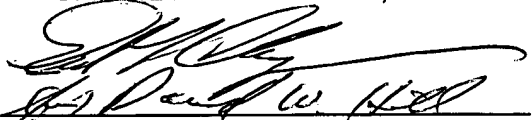
The examiner is respectfully requested to send us an initialled copy of the Form PTO-1449 which acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the reference was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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Group Art Unit: 2835

Filed: December 26, 2001

Examiner: Unassigned

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1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)
  2. PTO Form 1449
  3. Cited References & European Search Report

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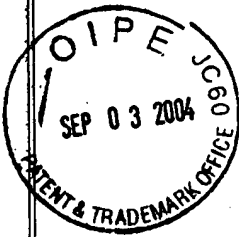
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office in a

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corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

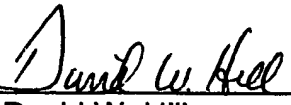
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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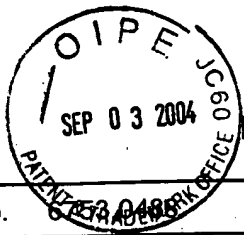
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

European Search Report

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